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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 15, line 11 with the following amended paragraph:

Thus, for the example described above, media 66 of LU2 receives converted commands ~~$[{}_2^1c_5]$, $[{}_2^1c_2]$~~ $[{}_2^1c_2]$, $[{}_2^1c_5]$ from port 1, $[{}_2^2c_7]$ from port 2, and $[{}_2^3c_{11}]$, $[{}_2^3c_{13}]$, and $[{}_2^3c_{14}]$ from port 3. The order of ~~$[{}_2^1c_5]$, $[{}_2^1c_2]$~~ $[{}_2^1c_2]$, $[{}_2^1c_5]$ received by the media of LU2 corresponds with the command order ~~${}_2^1c_5$, ${}_2^1c_2$~~ ${}_2^1c_2$, ${}_2^1c_5$ received by port 1. Similarly, the order of converted commands $[{}_2^3c_{11}]$, $[{}_2^3c_{13}]$, and $[{}_2^3c_{14}]$ received by the media of LU2 correspond with commands ${}_2^3c_{11}$, ${}_2^3c_{13}$, and ${}_2^3c_{14}$ received by port 3. It will be appreciated that while the order of converted commands from a specific port is maintained, the order between ports may change. Thus, some examples of orders of converted commands received by media 66 are:

~~$[{}_2^1c_5]$, $[{}_2^3c_{11}]$, $[{}_2^1c_2]$, $[{}_2^2c_7]$, $[{}_2^3c_{13}]$, $[{}_2^3c_{14}]$;~~

~~$[{}_2^3c_{11}]$, $[{}_2^1c_5]$, $[{}_2^1c_2]$, $[{}_2^3c_{13}]$, $[{}_2^2c_7]$, $[{}_2^3c_{14}]$; and~~

~~$[{}_2^2c_7]$, $[{}_2^1c_5]$, $[{}_2^3c_{11}]$, $[{}_2^3c_{13}]$, $[{}_2^1c_2]$, $[{}_2^3c_{14}]$~~

$[{}_2^1c_2]$, $[{}_2^3c_{11}]$, $[{}_2^1c_5]$, $[{}_2^2c_7]$, $[{}_2^3c_{13}]$, $[{}_2^3c_{14}]$;

$[{}_2^3c_{11}]$, $[{}_2^1c_2]$, $[{}_2^1c_5]$, $[{}_2^3c_{13}]$, $[{}_2^2c_7]$, $[{}_2^3c_{14}]$; and

$[{}_2^2c_7]$, $[{}_2^1c_2]$, $[{}_2^3c_{11}]$, $[{}_2^3c_{13}]$, $[{}_2^1c_5]$, $[{}_2^3c_{14}]$.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 17, line 19 with the following amended paragraph:

Arrangement 80 comprises a coupling 96 between hosts 1, 2, and 3, and ~~between~~ storage system 94. Coupling 96 typically comprises a bus or a switch, but may comprise substantially any suitable method that is capable of transferring commands such as strings 88, 90, 92 between hosts 1, 2, 3 and storage system 94, including wired and/or wireless coupling methods. In some preferred embodiments of the present invention, coupling 96 is configured within system 94; alternatively, coupling 96 is separate from system 94.